

RE: No Code Requirement for Amateur Radio Service Licensing
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Although in principle I agree with eliminating a Code Proficiency requirement, I urge the FCC to consider some form of Morse Code familiarization requirement.

Since the Amateur Radio Service can and does serve in the capacity of emergency communication, it could prove extremely valuable if all radio amateurs had at least a familiarization with the morse code. I would even go as far as suggesting a minimal test question about knowledge of the existence of morse code if not merely sending an S-O-S.

How tragic it would be if in time of great peril and during a loss of normal means of communication, a FCC licensed radio operator was totally incapable of sending a distress S-O-S?